



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Light Rain Provided No Relief

Data tables reflect the week ending: **October 17, 2010**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2009	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Cotton Bolls Opening	95	93	73	91
Cotton Harvested	58	45	7	34
Peanuts Dug	64	46	22	50
Peanuts Harvested	45	33	13	35
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	93	86	72	89
Soybeans Harvested	53	41	20	44
Winter Wheat Planted	19	17	N/A	N/A

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Cotton	10	25	39	25	1
Peanuts	14	28	47	10	1
Soybeans	9	26	48	17	0
Winter Wheat	2	12	72	14	0
Livestock	3	16	50	30	1
Pasture & Range	31	45	22	2	0

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	6.9	57	39	4	0
District 20	6.9	92	7	1	0
District 30	6.9	77	23	0	0
District 40	6.8	74	26	0	0
District 50	6.9	43	52	5	0
District 60	6.6	33	47	20	0
State: Current Week	6.8	61	33	6	0
State: Previous Week	7.0	53	38	9	0

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Regions of the Gulf States were experiencing significant impacts from the lack of precipitation this hurricane season. Another week with little to no precipitation offered no relief and conditions worsened except in the east central and southeastern parts of the state, as stated by the US Drought Monitor released October 14. The state was 100 percent in abnormally dry condition, while 95.7 percent was moderately dry,

38.7 percent severely dry and 9.0 percent extremely dry. Daytime highs ranged from 86 degrees in Guntersville to 93 degrees in Brewton. Overnight lows ranged from 34 degrees in Hamilton to 49 degrees in Bay Minette. The highest amount of rainfall occurred in Thomasville with 0.74 tenths of an inch of rain.

Small Grains: Donald Mann, Executive Director for Jackson County stated the drought was having a major effect on wheat growers not being able to plant. The wheat acreage planted has poor stands and was beginning to die. Alex Brand, County Executive Director for Wilcox County noted the lack of moisture was keeping producers in the area from planting wheat. James Jones, County Extension Coordinator for Henry County added his county needs rainfall for planting small grains for grazing.

Cotton/Corn/Peanuts/Soybeans: Karen McDonald, Executive Director for Monroe County reported the county continues to have dry weather. Noticeable cotton yields seem to be less than last year. Mr. Brand noted soybean yields have been hurt by the hot and dry weather. Peanut and cotton production varied greatly based on location. Mr. Jones mentioned peanut and cotton harvest was proceeding with poor yields in his region. Bobby Beasley, Executive Director for Henry County stated while the majority of the county has faced low yields on peanuts and cotton, there was a small portion of the county reporting average yields. Mr. Mann reported the dry weather provided corn, cotton and soybean producers a near perfect harvest season. Crop yields varied greatly depending on when the crop was planted and the amount of rainfall.

Pasture/Hay/Livestock: Henry Dorough, Regional Extension Agent in Talladega County stated with warm season pastures gone and cool season forages virtually non-existent, producers have been forced into already feeding their short supply of hay and/or purchasing supplements. Some cool season annuals have been planted over the past week in a very dry soil. Mr. Brand noted pastures were very short in his region and cattle producers have been feeding hay since early August.

ALABAMA'S Weekly Crop Weather for the Period: Monday October 11, 2010 To Sunday October 17, 2010

Weather Station	Air Temperatures				Precipitation			Precipitation since Jan 1			Avg. 4"	GDD Base 50		GDD Base 60	
	High	Low	Avg	DFN	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	% Normal	Soil Temp	Total	DFN	Total	DFN
District 10 Northwest Alabama - Tennessee Valley 46% of Corn Ac., 45% of Soybean Ac.															
Muscle Shoals	91	37	65	4	0.03	-0.66	2	32.48	-9.65	77		105	22	43	15
Russellville	89	40	64	6	0.00	-0.70	0	29.77	-14.60	67		105	40	40	22
Belle Mina	91	38	62	3	0.43	-0.26	2	33.45	-9.53	78	69	94	19	34	10
Huntsville Ag	88	40	64	3	0.45	-0.25	2	32.08	-12.88	71		102	19	38	10
Hamilton	92	34	63	4	0.24	-0.46	1	44.77	-2.39	95		93	23	34	15
District 20 Northeast Alabama - Appalachian Foothills 18% of Corn Ac., 21% of Soybean Ac.															
Anniston AP	90	36	65	2	0.02	-0.55	1	32.82	-10.29	76		104	13	40	9
Cullman Ag	88	37	62	2	0.00	-0.73	0	45.16	-2.15	95	68	86	11	23	-1
Sand Mountain	87	38	62	4	0.00	-0.64	0	30.98	-13.51	70	66	89	21	31	10
Gadsden AP	88	36	63	2	0.00	-0.61	0	28.40	-16.00	64		89	8	31	6
Bridgeport	87	35	62	4	0.00	-0.77	0	38.32	-8.76	81		87	22	32	14
Guntersville	86	37	64	1	0.01	-0.62	1	39.38	-3.44	92		100	9	39	7
District 30 North Central Alabama - 7% of Corn Ac., 7% of Soybean Ac.															
Thorsby	91	42	66	4	0.54	-0.06	1	34.42	-11.11	76	70	117	24	49	15
Talladega	90	35	63	1	0.22	-0.41	1	37.37	-8.27	82		90	8	31	4
Birmingham AP	90	43	67	5	0.05	-0.52	1	37.93	-5.92	86		119	28	49	16
Alabaster	89	42	65	2	0.31	-0.25	1	40.45	-5.97	87		108	15	40	8
Pinson	89	37	65	5	0.19	-0.40	1	42.79	-2.65	94		104	28	39	15
Opelika_Wtr_Plt	86	36	62	-2	0.01	-0.63	1	38.10	-8.49	82		85	-8	26	-8
Alexander_City	89	39	65	3	0.06	-0.64	1	32.97	-13.60	71		104	14	35	4
Tuscaloosa AP	91	39	66	2	0.12	-0.51	1	33.80	-10.40	76		112	11	43	4
Jasper	90	37	63	4	0.06	-0.71	1	48.93	2.90	106		98	26	37	16
District 40 South Central Alabama - Black Belt 7% of Corn Ac., 9% of Soybean Ac.															
Union Springs	90	40	66	2	0.06	-0.50	1	28.03	-16.84	62		117	14	47	8
Marion Junction	90	41	66	3	0.43	-0.17	1	32.09	-11.38	74	77	112	16	44	10
Montgomery AP	91	41	67	1	0.50	0.01	1	31.85	-11.23	74		118	4	48	1
Livingston	91	41	66	3	0.40	-0.38	1	45.16	-0.17	100		113	17	44	10
District 50 SW Alabama - Coastal Plain 7% of Corn Ac., 10% of Soybean Ac.															
Bay Minette	87	49	69	0	0.00	-0.64	0	51.10	-3.84	93		141	8	71	7
Brewton AG	93	39	67	3	0.00	-0.64	0	46.34	-6.80	87	86	126	21	56	17
Thomasville	92	47	69	4	0.74	0.18	1	34.48	-12.29	74		136	29	66	24
Mobile_Bates	89	41	69	-1	0.00	-0.60	0	48.67	-4.70	91		133	0	63	0
District 60 SE Alabama - Wiregrass 15% of Corn Ac., 8% of Soybean Ac.															
Eufaula_Wildlife	89	43	66	2	0.09	-0.40	1	51.60	9.66	123		119	16	49	11
Troy_Municipal	89	37	65	-1	0.18	-0.33	1	39.52	-3.26	92		108	-3	41	-4
Highland Home	90	41	66	0	0.33	-0.17	1	41.17	-4.50	90		114	6	44	1
Geneva_Ag	90	38	65	-3	0.02	-0.63	1	39.30	-8.17	83	80	108	-11	40	-12
Headland	91	48	70	4	0.11	-0.46	1	35.56	-10.69	77	79	149	35	79	32
Dothan	90	43	67	0	0.19	-0.37	1	37.59	-7.57	83		123	2	53	1

DFN = Departure From Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Precipitation Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more. Air and Soil Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. PCT of Norm: Cumulative Rainfall since January 1 as a percent of normal (using 1961-90 normals period), 2008. Weather data prepared By AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.

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